

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 599

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Barbara "Barbie" Baker, 1998  
Valedictorian of Gordonsville High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Barbara "Barbie" Baker is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Barbie Baker has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Barbie Baker has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary academic achievements have earned her numerous awards and accolades, including an invitation to the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, selection as Volunteer Girls State Delegate, membership in the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club and inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, during her senior year, Barbie has served with acumen and acuity as president of the Gordonsville High School Beta Club; and

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WHEREAS, Barbie has also been active in several extracurricular activities, including the Science and Math Club, the GHS Academic Team, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Environmental Club and the Spanish Club; and

WHEREAS, Barbie Baker was also selected to be a Tennessee Honors Scholar by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, her classmates voted her "Most Likely To Succeed"; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished softball player, Barbie Baker demonstrates her athletic prowess as a member of the Varsity Softball Team; she received All-District honors for two years, All-State honors during her sophomore year and was selected All-Conference in Smith County; and

WHEREAS, Barbie was chosen to represent the USA as a member of the national softball team that competed at the Holland International Cup and won a Silver Medal; and

WHEREAS, Miss Baker was also a state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Barbie's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Barbie Baker is a devout member of the Gordonsville Nazarene Sunday School, where she has maintained perfect attendance for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbie's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, David and Mildred Baker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Barbie Baker plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University, where she hopes to play varsity softball and to study education; and

WHEREAS, Barbie Baker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 Gordonsville High School

Valedictorian, Barbara "Barbie" Baker, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.